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Applicant(s): Raoul Florent et al.

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AND APPARATUS FOR NOISE REDUCTION
IN AN IMAGE SEQUENCE REPRESENTING
A THREADLIKE STRUCTURE

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